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Title: **SYNCHRONIZATION METHOD AND APPARTUS IN A VALUE
METERING SYSTEM HAVING A DIGITAL PRINT HEAD****STATUS INQUIRY - NEW PATENT APPLICATION**Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

More than thirty-six (36) months have passed since the filing of the above-identified patent application on December 8, 2000. A Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was mailed January 29, 2001. A Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was filed February 27, 2001. A Status Inquiry was mailed August 20, 2002, and in response to the Status Inquiry, a communication from the United States Patent and Trademark Office was mailed September 11, 2002, projecting that the application would be first examined in 8 to 11 months from September 11, 2002. No further communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

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Therefore, applicant wishes to inquire as to the present status of the above-identified
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Respectfully submitted,

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